

Remarks

Claims 1 to 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the encompassed subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application. Claims 9, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended to replace the phrase “selected from” with the phrase “selected from the group consisting of”. Applicants submit that this amendment is simply clarifying and does not introduce prohibited new matter.

1. Technically Related Applications

The Examiner’s attention is called to the following update of the previously presented table of technically related U.S. patents, pending U.S. applications and published PCT applications of Applicants’ assignee. The current status of each application as reported in the PAIR database is given in the right-hand column. Each of the published U.S. and PCT applications and U.S. patents has been listed on a Form PTO-1449 attached to a previously or presently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

It is assumed that the Examiner has ready electronic access to each of the listed U.S. applications, but the undersigned will provide a copy of any document from these files if requested by the Examiner.

Inventor	U.S. Application No. Filing Date	U.S. Pub. No. U.S. Pub. Date	PCT Pub. No. PCT Pub. Date	Examination Status
Inghardt <i>et al.</i>	10/432,411 May 21, 2003	7,129,233 October 31, 2006	WO 02/44145 June 6, 2002	Patented
Inghardt <i>et al.</i>	11/520,063 September 13, 2006	7,803,954 September 28, 2010	WO 02/44145 June 6, 2002	Patented
Inghardt <i>et al.</i>	11/797,656 May 4, 2007	7,645,751 January 12, 2010	WO 02/44145 June 6, 2002	Patented
Inghardt <i>et al.</i>	12/491,456 June 25, 2009	20100087651 April 8, 2010	WO 02/44145 June 6, 2002	Application assigned to Examiner Susannah Chung in GAU 1626; Restriction Requirement mailed 09- 10-2010
Firas Al-Saffar <i>et al.</i>	11/816,998 August 23, 2007	20080319206 December 25, 2008	WO 06/090153 August 31, 2006	Application assigned to Examiner Fiona Powers in GAU 1626; Application ready for examination
Bosson <i>et al.</i>	11/913,224 October 31, 2007	20080293965 November 27, 2008	WO 06/125964 November 30, 2006	Application assigned to Examiner Yevgeny Valenrod in GAU 1621; Application ready for examination

2. Priority Document

The Examiner indicates that a certified copy of the priority document SE 0303220-8 has not been provided to the U.S. Patent Office.

Applicants have submitted herewith a copy of a certified copy of the referenced priority document.

3. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) / 103(a)

Claims 1 and 4-8 are rejected as anticipated by the Wilen reference or alternatively, as obvious over the Wilen reference in view of the March reference and several cited U.S. patents as detailed on pages 4-8 of the Office Action.

Without acquiescing to the merits of these rejections by the Examiner, Applicants have, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, cancelled claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer of the encompassed subject matter. Accordingly, the rejections are moot in view of this action.

4. Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants have cancelled claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of the encompassed subject matter, thereby mooted the objection to these claims.

5. Allowed Claims

Claims 9-16 are indicated as allowed.

6. Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should an interview be helpful to further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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